

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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TEXTILE MACHINES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of industries involved in the manufacturing of textile machines has decreased in the country during the last three years;
- (b) if so, whether no incentives have been given by the Government to increase the production of quality and high productivity textile machines in the country during the above period;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the estimated shortfall in the production of textile machines during the first half of 1999-2000 in comparison with the last year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

(DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (d): The Federation of Indian Textile Engineering Industry has reported that many small scale units and six major units have been closed down during the last three years. The reasons furnished are, lack of orders and competition from imports. The production of textile machinery during the period April-September, 1999 was Rs.446.65 crore compared to Rs.559.36 crores in the corresponding period of the previous year. Government has launched a Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) w.e.f. 1.4.1999 for five years for the development of the textile and jute industry as a whole. It is expected that this scheme will help indigenous production and sale of textile machinery.